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## American Citizens eNewsletter

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### EMBASSY CONTACT

The Embassy will be closed Monday, July 4 in  
Observance of Independence Day.



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hours.

### COMPULSORY VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Inspections for vehicles are back in effect. The new deadline for the compulsory  
vehicle inspections is July 1st, 2011. All vehicles must pass this inspection in order  
to remain on the road. There are two testing centers in the Maputo area. One in  
Zimpeto and one outside Matola on the N4 road. The price for the inspection is  
around 700 MZM depending on the size and type of vehicle.

### DESIGNATION OF MOZAMBICAN COMPANIES UNDER THE KINGPIN ACT (Reminder)

This is a reissue. On June 1, 2010, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)  
designated, pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act ("Kingpin Act"), three Mozambican  
businesses (Grupo MBS Limitada, Grupo MBS – Kayum Centre, and Maputo Shopping Centre) for materially  
assisting in and/or acting for or on behalf of Mohamed Bachir Suleman, who was identified by the President of  
the United States on June 1, 2010 as a significant foreign narcotics trafficker. The designation prompted  
mandatory "blocking" or "freezing" of any U.S. assets of the three businesses. **This designation remains in  
force.**

U.S. persons (U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents ("green card" holders), and U.S. companies or  
organizations and their subsidiaries) are prohibited from engaging in unlicensed transactions with foreign  
persons and entities designated under the Kingpin Act, and U.S. persons face criminal and civil penalties  
should they violate this prohibition. The U.S. Mission to Mozambique is considered a U.S. person and it or its  
entities cannot engage in official transactions with Mohamed Bachir Suleman ("MBS"), Grupo MBS Limitada,  
Grupo MBS – Kayum Centre, or Maputo Shopping Centre.

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/letter-president-regarding-foreign-narcotics-kingpin-designation-act>

<http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/tq729.htm>

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/narco/drugs.pdf>

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/actions/20100601.shtml>

### TRAVEL PLANS?

If you plan to travel outside Mozambique in the next few months and need a new passport or extra visa  
pages, please make sure you apply early. We recommend you check the entry/exit and visa requirements for  
all countries prior to booking your trip. Many countries require that a traveler's passport have at least six (6)  
months validity beyond the dates of the planned trip. Airlines usually will not allow travelers to board if this  
requirement is not met, and immigration officers will deny entry to travelers at the port of entry in these  
countries if a traveler arrives without the required six months validity.

You can find this information under **Country Specific Information** at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

If you need extra visa pages and don't live in Maputo, you can use a courier service to send us your passport  
and completed and signed application. Please email us first at [consularmaputo@state.gov](mailto:consularmaputo@state.gov) for more  
information.

If you are traveling outside Mozambique, don't forget to register your trip at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

### Message from the Ambassador

Donald Kaberuka, presi-dent of the African Development Bank was re-cently quoted  
as saying that "economic creativity must be the next step in North Africa's spring."  
Perhaps we might say that it should be the next step in the entire continent's spring.  
It is abundantly clear that economic concerns and lack of sufficient economic  
opportunity is on everyone's mind these days, including both the U.S. and Mozambique.



Leslie V. Rowe

And neither the problem nor one of its most immediate solutions is new.

A few weeks ago I had the chance to participate in a workshop in Maputo about the African Growth and  
Opportunity Act (AGOA), a U.S. law which provides favorable trade conditions to African countries who  
meet certain standards of economic freedom, political openness, and respect for human and civil rights. I  
was struck at how many untapped opportunities exist under AGOA that Mozambique could take advantage  
of. Mozambique was one of the first countries to qualify for AGOA, and currently exports a few goods under  
the program. As Mozambique, like many coun-tries around the world, considers its strategy to over-come  
poverty during challenging economic times, trade will be the foundation for economic growth, and the U.S.  
very genuinely wants to be an important trade partner.

We hope that the recent AGOA work-shop here as well as the AGOA Forum in Lusaka, and increased  
attention to the possibilities that AGOA offers will open new doors for increased trade between our nations,  
as well as increased exports to other key markets.